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Railroads.

BURLINGTON & QUINCY R. R.
CHANGE OF TIME.....1858
AFTER NOV. 29, 1858. TWO
Pass a new Trains will leave the Cen-
at South Water streets, daily, as fol

Express (Sundays excepted) arriving at
Aska 10.00 A. M. Galesburg 4.20 P. M. Bur-
ington 5.55 P. M. Quincy 8.05 P. M.
Accommodation (Sundays excepted) arrive
Oakdale 11.35 P. M. Galesburg 7.00 A. M.
Burlington 10.30 A. M. Quincy 11.30 A. M.
Connects as follows:

Leaves Aurora 7.30 A. M. 4.45 P. M.
Geneva 8.05 A. M. 5.15 P. M.
Elgin 10.00 A. M. 6.45 P. M.
Leaves Aurora 7.00 A. M.
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CONNECTIONS.

Illinois Central Railroad north for
Freeport, Galena and Dubuque; south for
Mendota, Peoria, Bloomington, Dan-
ville, &c.

Burlington & Missouri River Rail-
road, Fairfield, Ottumwa, Oskaloosa,
Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs,
Stations of Kansas and Nebraska, with
connections for Montrose; thence by railroad
to

the steamers of the St. Louis & Keokuk
Packet Line, Hannibal, Alton, St. Louis,
&c.

with stages for Keokuk, Fort Madison,
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad
Stations, and Kansas and Nebraska, with
Rail at the Union Depot, at the Michigan
Avenue, corner of Lake and Dearborn sts.
JAMES MONROE, Gen'l Sup't.
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SUMMER ARRANGEMENT - 1858.

CHICAGO & ALTON RAILROAD.
Change of Time.
ON AND AFTER SUNDAY, NOV. 28,
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Mail and New Orleans Express.....11:00 A.M.
Night Express.....11:30 P.M.
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Accommodation, Springfield, Terre Haute, Alton,
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CAIRO.
Express, Vicksburg, Natchez, Galveston,
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Express to all intermediate points,
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Terre Haute and Alton Railroad for Terre Haute and St. Louis.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION.

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WESTERN MAIL ROUTE.

NEW ARRANGEMENT.
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ROCK VALLEY RAILROAD.
Express.....8.30 A. M. Arrive in Chicago 6.30 P. M.
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Connects at Belvidere with Galena and Chicago
Union Line. Make sure to take the cars
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POINT RAILROAD.
TIME, CONNECTING AT
Illinois Central Depot, Chicago and Chi-
go. On and after Monday, May 17th
1858, Passenger Trains will run as follows:

GOING SOUTH.
Express.....8.00 P. M.
Mail.....4.00 "
Express.....5.00 "
Express.....9.05 P. M.
Mail.....9.00 "
Express.....10.00 "
Close connections at Warren with the
Galena and Chicago Union Railroad
Rock Island, East. Also for all points South,
Louisville, St. Louis, Cairo, Louisville
Nashville, &c.

Close connections at Dunleith with the Illinois
Central Railroad for Dubuque, Prairie du Chien,
and all points in Iowa and Minnesota.
Close connections at Rock Island with the Mis-
sissippi and Missouri Railroad for Clinton, Iowa City, Davenport, Muscatine,
Oskaloosa, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Winterset and Northboro, Iowa,
and all points of Kansas and Nebraska

PRESS AND TRIBUNE.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9, 1858.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Were we to compare the condition of the country at the present day with what it was one year ago, at the meeting of Congress, we have much reason for gratitude to that Almighty Providence, which has never failed to interpose for our relief, at the most critical period of our history. One year ago the sectional strife between the North and South on the dangerous subject of slavery, had again become so intense as to threaten the peace and perpetuity of the confederacy. The application for the admission of Kansas as a State into the Union, fostered this unhappy agitation, and brought the whole subject before Congress. It was the desire of every patriot that such measures of legislation might be adopted, as would remove the excitement from the States, and confine it to the Territory where it legitimately belonged. Much has been done, I am happy to say, towards the accomplishment of the object, during the session of Congress.

The Supreme Court of the United States had previously decided, that all American citizens have an equal right to take into the Territories, whatever is held as property under the Constitution of the federal constitution, so long as the territorial condition shall remain.

This is now a well established position, and the proceedings of the last session of Congress was in full accordance with its practical effect. This principle has been recognised, in some form or other, by an almost unanimous vote of both houses of Congress, that a territory has a right to come into the Union either as a slave or a free State, according to the will of a majority of its people. The just equality of all the States has thus been vindicated, and a fruitful source of dangerous dissension among them has been removed.

While much has been the beneficial tendency of your proceedings outside of Kansas, their influence has been nowhere so happy as within that Territory itself; Left to manage and control its own affairs in its own way, without the pressure of external influence, the revolutionary Topeka organization and all resistance to the territorial government established by Congress, have been finally abandoned. The territory is now settling down fine Thistory now appears to be tranquil and prosperous, and is attracting increasing thousands of immigrants to Kansas make it their happy home.

KANSAS.

The past unfortunate experience of Kansas has enforced the lesson so often already taught, that resistance to lawful authority, under our form of government, cannot fail in the end to prove disastrous to its authors. Had the people of the Territory yielded obedience to the laws enacted by their (?) Legislature, it would at the present moment have contained a large additional population of industrious and enterprising citizens, who have been deterred from entering its borders by the existence of civil strife and organized rebellion.

It was the resistance to rightful authority, and the perverting attempt to establish a revolutionary government under the Topeka constitution, which caused the people of Kansas to commit the grave error of refusing to vote for delegates to the convention to frame a constitution under a law not disposed to be fair and just in its provisions. This refusal to vote has been the prolific source of all the evils which have followed. In their hostility to the Territorial government they disregarded the principle essential to the healthy working of our form of government, that a majority of those who vote—not the majority who may remain at home, from whatever cause—must decide the result of an election. For this reason, seeking to take advantage of their own error, they denied the authority of the convention thus elected to frame a constitution.

The convention, notwithstanding, proceeded to adopt a constitution unexceptionable in its general features, and providing for a submission of the slavery question to a vote of the people, which, in my opinion, they were bound to do, under the Kansas and Nebraska act. There was no other fair mode to decide this alone had convulsed the Territory; and yet the opponents of the lawful government, persisting in their first error, refrained from expressing their right to vote, and preferred that the question should be decided rather than surrender their revolutionary Topeka organization.

A wiser and better spirit seemed to prevail before the first Monday of January last, when an election was held for the State constitution. A majority of the people then voted for a Governor and other State officers, for a member of Congress, and members of the State Legislature. This election was warmly contested by the two political parties in Kansas, and a greater vote was polled than at any previous election. A large majority of the members of the Legislature elect belonged to that party which had previously refused to vote. The anti-slavery party were defeated in the election, and the whole political power of the State was in their own hands.

Had Congress admitted Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton Constitution, the Legislature would, in June, 1857, in session, have submitted the question to a vote of the people, whether they would or would not have a convention to amend their constitution, either on the slavery or any other question, and to abrogate or alter provisions for giving speedy effect to the will of the majority. Thus, the Kansas question would have been immediately and finally settled.

Under these circumstances, I considered it to be my duty to recommend to Congress that all the officers already elected necessary to put the State government into operation, accompanied by a strong recommendation in favor of the admission of Kansas as a State. In this recommendation I urged, that as the law had never been performed by any official act which, in the retrospect, has afforded me more heartfelt satisfaction. Its admission could have inflicted no possible injury on any human being, while it would, in all probability, have restored peace to Kansas and harmony to the Union. In that event the slavery question would ere this have been finally settled, according to the legally expressed will of a majority of the actual bona fide residents of the Territory, and the question of sovereignty would thus have been vindicated in a constitutional manner.

With my deep convictions of duty, I could have pursued no other course. It is true that, as an individual, I have expressed an opinion, both before and during the session of the convention, in favor of submitting the remaining clauses of the constitution, as well as the general slavery, to the people. This, certainly, is an official character, neither myself, nor any human authority had the power to prejudge the proceedings of the convention, and declare the constitution which he had framed to be a nullity. To have done this would have been a violation of the Kansas and Nebraska act, which left the people of the Territory "perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States." It would also have violated the great principle of popular sovereignty, at the foundation of our institutions, to deprive the people of the power, if they thought proper to exercise it, of confining to delegates elected by themselves the duty of framing a constitution, without requiring them to subject their constituents to the trouble, expense, and delay of a second election. It would have been in opposition to many precedents in our history, commencing in the very best age of the republic, of the admission of territories as States into the Union, without a previous vote of the people approving their constitution.

It is to be lamented that a question so insignificant when viewed in its practical effects on the people of Kansas, whether decided one way or the other, should have kindled such a flame of excitement throughout the country. The reflection may prove to be a lesson of wisdom and of warning for our future guidance. Practically considered, the question is simply whether the people of that Territory should first come into the Union as a slave or a free State. Any other constitution not agreeable to themselves, or accomplish the very same object by remaining out of the Union and framing another constitution in accordance with their will. In either case the result would be precisely the same. The only difference in point of fact is, that the object would have been much sooner attained, and the pacification of Kansas more speedily affected, had it been admitted as a State during the last session of Congress.

My recommendation, however, for the immediate admission of Kansas, failed to meet the approbation of Congress. They deemed it wiser to adopt a different measure for the settlement of the question. For such your action I should have been willing to yield my assent to almost any constitutional measure to accomplish this object. I, therefore, cordially acquiesced in what has been called the English compromise, and supported the "Act for the admission of the State of Kansas into the Union," upon the terms therein prescribed.

Under the ordinance which accompanied the Lecompton Constitution, the people of Kansas have claimed the right to the five millions of acres of land granted to the State upon entering the Union, and also the alternate sections of land for twelve miles on each side of the two railroads, authorized to be constructed from the northern to the southern boundary, and from the eastern to the western boundary of the State. Congress, deeming these claims unreasonable, provided, by the act of May 4, 1858, to which I have just referred, for the admission of the State on an equal footing with the original States, but upon the fundamental condition precedent that a majority of the people thereof, at an election to be held for that purpose, should, in place of the very large grants of public lands which they had demanded under the ordinance, accept such grants as had been made to Minnesota and other new States. Under this act, should a majority reject the proposition offered them, "it shall be deemed and held that the people of Kansas do not desire admission into the Union with said constitution under the conditions set forth in said proposition." In that event the act authorizes the people of the Territory to elect delegates to form a constitution and State government for themselves, "whenever, and not before, it is ascertained by a census, duly and legally taken, that the population of said Territory equals or exceeds the ratio of representation required for a member of the House of Representative of the Congress of the United States." The delegates thus assembled "shall first determine by a vote whether it is the wish of the people of the proposed State to be admitted into the Union at that time, and, if so, shall proceed to form a constitution, and take all necessary steps for the establishment of a State government in conformity with the federal constitution." After this constitution shall have been formed, Congress, carrying out the principles of popular sovereignty and non-intervention, have left "the mode and manner of its approval or ratification by the people of the proposed State" to be "prescribed by law," and they "shall then be admitted into the Union as a State under such constitution thus fairly and legally made, with or without slavery, as said constitution may prescribe."

An election was held throughout Kansas, in pursuance of the provisions of this act, on the second day of August last, and it resulted in the rejection, by a large majority, of the proposition submitted to the people by Congress. This being the case, they are now authorized to form another constitution, with a view to admission into the Union, but not until their number, as ascertained by a census, shall equal or exceed the ratio required to elect a member to the House of Representatives.

It is not probable, in the present state of the case, that a third constitution can be lawfully framed and presented to Congress by the people of Kansas, before its population shall have reached the designated number. Nor is it to be presumed that, after their sad experience in resisting the territorial laws, they will attempt to adopt a constitution in express violation of the provisions of an act of Congress. During the session of 1856, much of the time of Congress was occupied on the question of admitting Kansas under the Topeka constitution. Again, nearly the whole of the last session was devoted to the question of its admission under the Lecompton Constitution. Surely, it is not unreasonable to require the people of Kansas to wait before making a third attempt, until the number of their inhabitants shall amount to 93,420. During this brief period, the last irony of the States, as well as the great business interests of the country, demand that the people of the Union shall not for a third time be convulsed by another agitation on the Kansas question. All the same time, a majority of the actual bona fide residents of the Territory contains a number of inhabitants which, if in a State, would entitle them to elect a member to Congress, it shall be the duty of the President to cause a census of the inhabitants to be taken, and if found sufficient, then by the terms of this act to authorize them to proceed "in their own way" to frame a State constitution preparatory to admission into the Union. I also recommend that an appropriation may be made to enable the President to take a census of the people of Kansas.

UTAH.

The present condition of the Territory of Utah, when contrasted with what it was one year ago, is a subject for congratulation. It was then in a state of open rebellion, and, cost what it might, the character of the government required that this rebellion should be suppressed and the Mormons compelled to yield obedience to the Constitution and laws. In order to accomplish this object as I informed you in my last annual message, I appointed a new Governor instead of Brigham Young, and other federal officers to take the place of those who, consulting their personal safety, had found it necessary to withdraw from the Territory. To protect these civil officers, and to aid them, as a *posse comitatus*, in the execution of the laws in case of need, I ordered a detachment of the army to accompany them to Utah. The necessity for adopting these measures is now demonstrated.

On the 15th of September, 1857, Governor Young issued his proclamation, in the style of an independent sovereign, announcing the purpose to resist by force of arms the entry of the United States troops into our own Territory of Utah. By this he required all the forces in the Territory to "hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning to repel any and all such invasion," and established martial law from its date throughout the Territory. These proved to be no idle threats. Forts Bridger and Supply were vacated and burnt down by the Mormons, to deprive our troops of a shelter after their long and fatiguing march. Orders were issued by Daniel H. Wells, styling himself "Lieutenant General, Nauvoo Legion," to stampede the animals of the United States troops in their march, to set fire to their trains, to burn the grass and the whole country before them and on their flanks, to keep them from sleeping by night surprises, and to blockade the road by felling trees and destroying the fords of rivers, &c. &c.

These orders were promptly and effectually obeyed. On the 4th October, 1857, the Mormons captured and burned, on Green river, three of our supply trains, consisting of seventy-five wagons loaded with provisions and tents for the army, and drove away several hundred animals. This diminished the supply of provisions so materially that Gen. Johnston was obliged to reduce the rations, and even with this precaution there was only sufficient left to subsist the troops until the 1st of June.

Our little army behaved admirably in their encampment at Fort Bridger under these trying privations. In the midst of the mountains, in a dreary, unsettled and inhospitable region, more than a thousand miles from home, they passed the severe and inclement winter without a murmur. They looked forward with confidence for relief from their country in due season, and in this they were not disappointed.

The Secretary of War employed all his energies to forward them the necessary supplies, and to muster and send such a military force to Utah as would render resistance on the part of the Mormons hopeless, and thus terminate the war without the effusion of blood. In his efforts he was sufficiently sustained by Congress. They granted appropriations sufficient to cover the deficiency thus necessarily created, and also provided for raising two regiments of volunteers, "for the purpose of quelling disturbances in the Territory of Utah, for the protection of supply and emigrant trains, and the suppression of Indian hostilities on the frontiers." Happily, there was no occasion to call these regiments into service. If there had been, I should have felt serious embarrassment in selecting them, so great was the number of our brave and patriotic citizens anxious to serve their country in this distant and apparently dangerous expedition. Thus it has been, and thus may it ever be.

The wisdom and economy of sending sufficient reinforcements to Utah are established not only by the event, but in the opinion of those who, from their position and opportunities, are the most capable of forming a correct judgment. General Johnston, commander of the forces, in addressing the Secretary of War from Fort Bridger, under date of October 18, 1857, expresses the opinion that "unless a large force is sent here, from the nature of the country, a protracted war and its attendant expenditure of life will be inevitable." This he considered necessary, to terminate the war "speedily and more economically than if attempted by insufficient means."

In the meantime, it was my anxious desire that the Mormons should yield obedience to the constitution and the laws, without rendering it necessary to resort to military force. To aid in accomplishing this object, I deemed it advisable in April last to dispatch two distinguished citizens of the United States—Messrs. Powell and McCulloch—to Utah. They bore with them a proclamation addressed by myself to the inhabitants of Utah, dated on the 6th day of the month, warning them of their true condition, and how hopeless it was on their part to persist in rebellion against the United States, and offering all those who should submit to the laws a full pardon for their past seditions and treasons. At the same time, I assured those who should persist in rebellion against the United States, that they must expect no further delay, but look to be rigorously dealt with according to their deserts. The instruction to these agents, as well as a copy of the proclamation, and their reports, are herewith submitted. It will be seen that they reached Utah early last, that they have fully confirmed this opinion expressed by Gen. Johnson in the previous October, as to the necessity of sending reinforcements to Utah. In this they state that they were "very much impressed with the belief that the presence of the army here and the large additional force that had been ordered to this Territory, were the chief inducements that caused the Mormons to abandon the idea of resistance by force to the United States. A less decisive policy would probably have resulted in a long, bloody, and very expensive war."

These gentlemen conducted themselves to my entire satisfaction, and rendered useful service in executing the humane intentions of the government.

It also affords me great satisfaction to state, that Governor Cumming has performed his duty in an able and conciliatory manner, and with much success. He has left Utah, since this conviction, refrain from mentioning the valuable services of Col. Thomas L. Kane, who, from motives of pure benevolence, and without any official character or pecuniary compensation, visited Utah during the inclement winter, for the purpose of contributing to the pacification of the Territory.

I am happy to inform you that the Governor and other civil officers of Utah, are now peaceably exercising the functions of their appointments. The authority of the constitution and the laws has been fully restored, and peace prevails throughout the Territory.

A portion of the troops sent to Utah are now encamped in Cedar Valley, forty-five miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and the remainder have been ordered to Oregon to suppress Indian hostilities.

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We are couldn't endure, in full, this morning, the immense space forbids an extended notice of Buchanan's Message. We would call attention, however, to the Kansas portion of this document, which is devoted to a defense of the Administration's policy in this matter. The Message is accordingly a complete and thorough endorsement of the Lecompton swindle, and of the President's course in the premises. It is, in short, a plea for the admission of Kansas into the Union as a slave State, without the consent of the people of the Territory, and even against their protest. The popular verdict, which the Presidential nerves, without the smile, cribbed in the former instance, is not to be disregarded in this matter. The question now is—Kansas is as much a slave State as Georgia or South Carolina, Massachusetts or Maine? A terrible whisper characterizes the whole discussion.

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From New York.

New York, Dec. 7.—Now commenced a circulation Bank of Lima, Mass., was protested to-day for non-payment. Its circulation is $100,000. Another bank in Lynn, Mass., has been protested for the same reason. The amount of its circulation is not stated.

The Bank of Commerce in this city has declared a dividend of 3 per cent. for the last six months

COMMERCIAL.

Commercial and Money Matters.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 5, 1860.

MONEY, EXCHANGES, etc.—Business is adjusting itself to a winter basis, and demands upon bankers come principally from the pork trade. The warm weather with an abundance of rain and mud has suddenly given place to stinging cold, and pork operators are having every opportunity they could desire, to ship "dressed hogs" by rail to the seaboard cities.

Exchange continues scarce, with some talk of a further rise. This will depend somewhat on the activity of the pork trade. To-day is steady at 1 per cent. premium. Bank discounts, as usual, 10 per cent. Money plenty for all real business transactions. Gold dull, selling only in small lots at 1@1¼c. Currency in fair supply. Street rates nominal at 1¾@2 per cent. per month.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* of the 9th has the following:

There was an increased demand for money today, but the supply of currency was about equal to the offerings of good paper, and the market for the latter continued comparatively easy, at 10@12 per cent.

Eastern Exchange was scarcer and firmer than on Saturday. At most of the houses the purchase fell short of the sales, and in no instance was there an excess of offerings. A continuance of this state of things for two or three days would lead to the establishment of an advance, and as it is, rates favor sellers. A fraction over par was, in some cases, paid by dealers for New York sheets, and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston were taken, generally, at par, while bankers' drafts were not to be had to any extent below a ¼ premium.

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Let Eastern capitalists look Westward if they want profitable and safe investments.

COMMERCIAL.—The Hog market was still excited to-day, and a further advance of 5@15c was gained on both Live and Dressed Hogs. The receipts of Live Hogs to-day were only about 25 car-loads, and as soon as they were unloaded, the buyers rushed in and the market went up. Heavy Hogs,—or rather those weighing 250@260 lbs. were sold at a range of $5.15@ $5.80 gross; and those averaging 175@200 were sold at $5.00@5.10 gross.

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The Provision market is also excital—so much so that many holders refuse to sell, or even name a figure. There are orders on the market list at $16.50 for Mess Pork, but they remain unfilled, and it is doubtful if any could be procured below $17. To-day we note a sale of 3,000 bulk Shoulders at 3¾c on the spot; and 50 bbls pickled Shoulders at $11 per bbl of 200 bbls, deliverable at Milwaukee. There is a good inquiry for Green Hams, but buyers and sellers are apart.

The Lard market is buoyant, and holders are firm at 11c. Quite a sensation was created today, upon receipt of the news of a sale of 10,000 tierces prime Lard at 11c, deliverable at various points on the Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri rivers—made by Adams & Bruce, at St. Louis. There were no transactions here, except a sale of 150 tierces Milwaukee Lard, at 10¾c, deliverable there.

Tallow is firmer. To day we note a sale here of city Tallow at 10c and of Milwaukee, at 9¼c. The Flour market is firm. Holders of Spring Extras have advanced their views, owing to the stoppage of mills in the interior.

Wheat continues firm, with trifling receipts, and a good demand by millers from Burlington, Rock Island, Davenport, Ottawa, Peoria and other points in this State, as well as in Michigan and Indiana. The sales of Red to-day were quite limited, however, at $1.10 in store, and Spring at 64c for No. 2, and 48@51¾c for Rejected. The following item, relative to the scarcity of wheat at Davenport, we clip from the Davenport *Gazette*:

Two of our heariest mills—Burrows & Prettyman's and D. A. Burrows'—have not been running for several days past, owing to the scarcity of wheat. It takes about 1,000 bushels per day to supply them, and the roads have been so bad of late that it has been impossible to get near that amount; so they were compelled to stop. They intend to commence grinding again to-morrow.

The Corn market is buoyant, under orders from Peoria to keep the distilleries going in that region. Old Corn was sold for that purpose to-day, at 54c for No. 2 and 55c for No. 1. Ear Corn is in good demand at 46@46c for 70 lbs; new Shelled Corn 55c per 60 lbs, on track. The Oats market is quiet. Highwines have advanced to 24c. Timothy Seed in demand at $1.55@1.60.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 7—2 P. M.

Market for Wheat firmer in consequence of very light receipts. No. 1 Club, 73@74c; Extra Club, 80@85c.

Oats firm at 40c. Corn more active at 46@48c. Provisions in fair demand, and Mess Pork scarcely so firm, and more slightly downward. Sales to-day of 400 bbls Hams in sweet pickle at $15.50@16, for delivery this week; 200 bbls prime Pork and 100 bbls Rumps at $11.50; 100 bbls Light Mess at $15.00. No offers for Heavy Mess above $16. Lard steady at 10¼@10½c. The market for Dressed Hogs is less active, with large receipts. Buyers are holding off. A few sales were made this morning at $5.75@6.00 for Hogs averaging 240@300 lbs. Light Hogs very dull.

A violent snow storm occurred this morning, but all is clear now. Wind west.

Bark Massillon is reported ashore at Sleeping Bear Bay. No particulars. C.

HOG AND PROVISION TRADE.

[From the Cincinnati Gazette, yesterday.]

The weather was quite favorable to-day for Pork-packing, and the receipts were large, but the latter did not have the effect anticipated. Buyers, it is true, were not very free, but holders were firm, did not press sales, and full prices were maintained, though the inquiry was somewhat limited. Sales 26@26¾ the former for very light and the latter for a lot averaging 260 lbs. Buyers at 27 were not numerous even for heavy hogs, although the sale at $7.20 would seem to indicate a different state of facts, and for 200 lbs averages it was followed to obtain a few lots at that figure. Other parties were to be found, occasionally, willing to to pay more, and late in the day 330 head, average 300 lbs sold at $7. We quote sales to 170 lbs averages at $6.25 to $6.50, and 180 to 210 do $6.75@7 with holders looking up, and buyers as a general thing, hesitating. The receipts since Saturday comprised 14,500 head, making the total for the season according to figures previously given 224,661 hogs.

Increased buoyancy was observed in the Provision market, but the advanced pretensions of holders checked sales. Mess Pork was saleable at $17.50, but holders generally asked $17.75@18. It is said that it cannot be made out of hogs, at present prices, below $18. In the afternoon, 350,000 lbs bulk and Shoulders and Sides, deliverable February 1st, sold at 6¼@6¾c; 200 bbls prime Lard at 11c, and 500 kegs do at 11¾c. For future delivery, holders ask 11½@12c, respectively. Green Meats sold low—5, 6, and 8c; but these were mostly from hogs killed or cut during the warm weather. Advices from New York and New Orleans have a depressing influence on prices of hog products. This news, although figures are, relatively, lower than our quotations, gave interest to the feeling here. In New York the demand for pork was chiefly speculative, based on Western account, showing that the bulls from from the hog raising districts, are facing the bears in the Atlantic cities. The following is a comparison of quotations as reported:

	MESS PORK.	
New York		$17 75
Cincinnati		17 50
	LARD BBL.	
New York		11¾
New Orleans		11
	HOG.	
New York		$7.00@7.50
Cincinnati		6.25@7.00

[Correspondence of the St. Louis Democrat, Feb.]

VERY low were offering Beeves to-day, and the only sale reported was 175—those weighing from 180 to 200 the at $6.25, and all of 900 lbs and upwards at $6.10 per 100 lbs. The packers are offering from $5.50 to $6.50 for light and heavy hogs. The weather has been favorable for slaughtering to-day.

A sale of 600 bbls of mess pork was made for January delivery at $17 per bbl.

Sale of 90 Sags lard at 12c. In bbls and tierces it is held higher than that last sales and prime will bring 11c.

The number of Hogs out at St. Louis this season amounts to 80,700 head—or about one-third the amount out in Chicago.

[From the Springfield (Ill.) Journal, Feb.]

Since last week the price for hogs has further advanced, and good droves now sell at $5.60@5.80, the latter figure being given only for heavy corn fed.

Up to this time R. Jacoby has bought 15,000 with 1,200 now in the pens, and 4,800 are to be delivered. J. L. Lamb has bought 13,000 with 1,500 now in the pens, and 4,000 to be delivered.

It is thought that the packing this season will close with the present week. It will show an increase in the number of hogs packed of 12,000 or 15,000 over last season. In weight, however, the hogs this year are about 15 per cent. short. The yield of lard is from 10 to 15 pounds less per hog.

[From the Illinois Free Democrat, Feb.]

The market for Provisions continues moderately active, and prices show no change, though Mess Pork is scarcely so firm, buyers having lowered their views materially, but sellers are disinclined to accede, and the market closes inactive. Dressed Hogs are less active, with large receipts. Packers do not appear to be anxious to operate, and some have been out of the market since Saturday. But few sales were made to-day.

[From the Terre Haute (Ind.) Express, 6th.]

The Hog market to day is very heavy, and buyers are inclined to lower their figures. Heavy Hogs, weighing 300 lbs. and upward, would command $6, and the prices are so graded that 100 lb Hogs are bought at $, and running from that to $5.50, $4, $4.50, &c. to $5.75, which may be said to be the top of the market. Not much done to-day.

One firm packing here for a New-York House, we learn, was advised not to buy at over $5.50. Corn has advanced, and some of our warehouse men are now paying 55 cents.

[From the Albany (N. Y.) Statesman, 6th.]

The market is again better and can be quoted at 4¼@4¾c for light and heavy; sales 160 head all over 175 lbs at 7¾c; 150 do dividing 200 lbs 6¾@7¾c; 82 do, averaging 250 lbs, 7¾c, and 93 do, averaging 300 lbs 7½c; two car loads of live Hogs were picked up on the Railroad by an Albany operator at 5½c, which is much below the market.

Chicago Daily Wholesale Market.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 5.

FREIGHTS—RAILROAD TARIFF.—Flour to Boston, $1.31; to New York, $1.50; Pot'o, 40 cts; to Baltimore, $1.05; to Pittsburgh, 75c; to Cincinnati, 60c. Provisions to Boston, 75; to New York, 90c; to Philadelphia and Baltimore, 85c; to Pittsburgh, 45c; to Cincinnati, 40c. Provisions to Boston, 75c; to New York, 90c; to Philadelphia and Baltimore, 85c; to Pittsburgh, 45c; to Cincinnati, 40c. Provisions to Boston, 75; to New York, 90c; to Philadelphia and Baltimore, 85c; to Pittsburgh, 45c; to Cincinnati, 40c.

FLOUR—Firm. Sales to-day were:—100 bbls "Carlinville" White Winter at 95 lb; 165 bbls "Goltie" White Winter at $4.75. Spring Extras nominal at $4.40@4.50.

WHEAT—Market still firm. Winter—Sales to-day were:—200 bu No. 1 Red at $1.10 in store—no sale to Ottawa. Spring—Firm. Sales to-day were:—4,000 bu No. 2 on private terms; 1,500 bu do in lots at 64c in store; 500 bu do at 64c in store; 500 bu do at 64c in store; 500 bu at 64½c in store.

OATS—Quiet and nominal at 48@50c for old crop in bags; 37@40c for new crop.

RYE—In good demand at 55@60c per 60 lbs at Depot.

BARLEY.—No. 1 nominal at 60@67c in store: No. 2, 45@50c.

HIGHWINES—Advanced. Sales to-day were 150 bbls at 23c. Market closing firm at 24c.

ALCOHOL—55c per gallon for 98 per cent.

PROVISIONS.—Mess Pork firm at 16.50@17. Bulk Meats—Sales for Shoulders: 75@0 lbs for 3¾c, and 7¾@8c for Hams. Green Hams in good request at 7¾@7½c. Sales to-day were:—50 bbls pickled Shoulders at 6¾ per bbl of 200 lbs, delivered at Milwaukee; 5,000 pieces cured Shoulders at 5½c on the spot. Mess Beef nominal at @9½.

LARD.—Firm at 10¾@11c. To-day we hear of 3,000 tierces prime sold at 11c, deliverable immediately at various shipping points on the Illinois, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers; 150 tierces prime Milwaukee Lard sold at 10½c for immediate delivery at Milwaukee.

TALLOW.—50 bbls prime city sold at 9½c; 50 bbls Milwaukee sold at 9½c, for immediate delivery there.

LIVE HOGS—Market still excited, and advanced 10@15c. Sales were as follows:

		Per 100 lbs. gross.
200 Hogs averaging	220 lbs. at	$5.15
41 " "	225 " "	5.15
118 " "	195 " "	5.12½
58 " "	250 " "	5.80
87 " "	260 " "	5.80
67 " "	230 " "	5.25
105 " "	270 " "	5.80
87 " "	301 " "	5.85
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DRESSED HOGS—Market advanced 50@60c. Sales were as follows:

100 Hogs averaging	200 lbs. at	$6.12
54 " "	175 " "	5.35
87 " "	200 " "	6.10
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